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SUBJ: MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTER

1. AUSTRIAN DCM TOLD EMBOFF JAN 23 THAT HIS AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD SENT EMBASSY DETAILED REPORT OF DECEMBER WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENCE. HIGHLIGHTS OF THAT REPORT WHICH CAME FROM ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO USSR FOLLOW.

2. PRINCIPAL TOPIC DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE WAS ISSUE OF WHAT ATTITUDE SHOULD BE ADOPTED TOWARD NATO'S RECENT OPTION III PROPOSAL OFFERING TO TRADE OFF 1000 TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TANK ARMY FROM APPROACHES TO WE. WP DECIDED TO TAKE RELATIVELY UNYIELDING
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POSITION TOWARDS NATO PROPOSAL.

3. SECOND MOST CRITICAL TOPIC CONCERNED HOW TO DEAL WITH CHINESE.

SOVIETS PRESENTED TOUGH, CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PEKING AND PESSIMISTIC PICTURE OF ANY POSSIBLE RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THESE TWO COMMUNIST STATES.

4. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO BRIEFED HIS WARSAW PACT COUNTERPARTS ON PROSPECTS FOR SALT AGREEMENT. SOVIETS PRESENTED OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS. RONAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, HOWEVER, CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT BRBJKNEV AND GROMYKO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SUPPORT OF SOME KEY POLITBURO MEMBERS FOR COMPROMISE PROPOSALS THAT WERE TO BE PRESENTED TO US. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW ALSO DEVELOPED SAME IMPRESSION AFTER DISCUSSING SALT ISSUES WITH SOURCE IN POLITBURO.

5. WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED CEMA INTEGRATION. ONLY VOCAL DISSENT ON THIS TOPIC CAME FROM ROMANIANS WHO ARE STILL HOLDING OUT FOR GREATER PROTECTION OF "NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY", WITHIN INTEGRATION FRAMEWORK.
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